

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
Norikazu SUGAYA et al. : **Mail Stop: PCT**
Serial No. NEW : Attorney Docket No. 2006_1372A
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METHOD OF PREVENTING ELUTION OF
NICKEL FROM WETTED INSTRUMENT OF
COPPER ALLOY, PROTECTIVE FILM
FORMATION AGENT FOR PREVENTING
ELUTION OF NICKEL AND DETERGENT
FOR PREVENTING ELUTION OF NICKEL
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In the interest of compact prosecution, please amend the above-identified application as follows: